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NORTH CAROLINA MAN SENTENCED TO 84 MONTHS IN PRISON

PRESS RELEASE

Indianapolis - Edward Thornton, 28, of North Carolina, was sentenced to 84 months in prison late yesterday, by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm, announced Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. This case was the result of a investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives ("ATF") , the Vincennes Police Department, and the Vincennes University Police.

Thornton, whose previous convictions, all in North Carolina, for Common Law Robbery, Attempted Second Degree Kidnaping, and Assault with a Deadly Weapon, was encountered by Vincennes Police and Vincennes University Police Officers on June 18, 2008, in Vincennes Indiana, who were responding to a prior complaint regarding Thornton. Thornton was quickly taken into custody. Shortly thereafter, officers found a pistol and a revolver in Thornton's possession, one of which was stolen.

Thornton was turned over to the custody of the ATF on June 19, 2008. On October 7, 2008, Thornton was indicted on two counts of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Thornton plead guilty to one of those counts on June 19, 2009. Pursuant to his plea agreement, the Government dismissed the remaining count.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley P. Shepard, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed three years supervised release following Thornton's release from prison.

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